tives of the Corporation from time to time.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Joint undertakings in Asean countries

2403. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are industrial undertakings under joint ownership of Indians in ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, what is the number of such joint projects in various ASEAN countries; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of such joint ventures in ASEAN countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 57 manufacturing joint ventures in operation in ASEAN countries.

(c) As and when Indian promoters approach Government for approval under FERA, 1973 for their investment abroad, the proposal is examined on merits.

Bonus of Central Government Employees

2404. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much bonus has been paid to the Central Government employees for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for the payment of bonus on a permanent basis;

(c) how many Union Territories' administrations have paid bonus to its employees for the year 1984-85; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure payment of bonus to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) productivity Linked Bonus/*ad hoc* bonus for the year 1984-85 has not yet been paid to the Central Government employees and employees of Union Territories.

(b) and (d) Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes introduced in commercial and production oriented sectors of the Central Government whose currency had expired have been extended from year to year. Similarly, employees who are not covered by Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes have been given *ad hoc* bonus from 1982-83 on a year to year basis. No final decision has yet been taken on the broad parameters for Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes for individual departments.

Pigmy Deposit Schemes in Banks

2405. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some nationalised Banks are operating pigmy deposit schemes and have appointed pigmy agents;

(b) whether these pigmy agents in all the nationalised banks are governed by a uniform set of rules; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether safe working conditions for such agents have been ensured;

(d) whether it is a fact that the management of Syndicate Bank had assured their pigmy agents sometime back their absorption in the regular service of the Bank; if so, what is the number of agents, who have been absorbed in the regular service of the Bank in Delhi;

(e) what is the number of such agents who are vet to be absorbed; and

(f) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard?